

1 Delegate Gallagher.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: Delegate Gallagher.

3 DELEGATE GALLAGHER: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
4 gentlemen of the Committee, I don't think I will need
5 four minutes, but I think it is significant to note that
6 were this the 1867 Convention, that this very proposal
7 would be an attempt to put into the Constitution what
8 was then a crime.

9 I think that is one of the ironies of the
10 situation, because this is an example, a classic example
11 of an evolving right. I think it is a right which was
12 won at considerable difficulty and sacrifice, and I think
13 it is a right which becomes an additional and more
14 significant importance as the years go by.

15 We have moved from an agrarian economy into
16 an industrialized society. The great concentration of
17 population continues to take place in the urban areas.

18 I submit that the recognition and installation
19 of this particular right in the Constitution will promote
20 the opportunities for stability within our society and
21 within a very large segment of our society.